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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Naoya Hasegawa

Serial No. 09/934,293

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For: Spin Valve Thin Film Magnetic  
Element And Method of Manufacturing  
The Same

Examiner: David Louis Ometz

Group Art Unit No. 2653

### AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawing** begin on page 3 of this paper and corresponding marked up and  
clean replacement sheets are attached hereto.

**Amendments to the Specifications** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**An appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 16 of this paper.